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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: TRI-COUNTRY MEETING

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1. AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE REPS LOOK FORWARD TO HONG KONG NARCOTICS MEETING MAY 30-31. AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, THREE OFFICERS, REPRESENTING EMBASSY, DEA AND USAID, WILL ATTEND. THEY WILL ARRIVE EVENING MAY 29 VIA ROYAL AIR LAO AND RETURN EVENING JUNE 2. REQUEST RESERVATIONS FOR THREE SINGLES AT HONG KONG HILTON MAY 29-JUNE 1.

2. TOPICS PROPOSED REFTEL ARE EXCELLENT. WE WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF JOURNALISTS IN CONTEXT OF STIMULATING REGIONAL COOPERATION; ALSO

THE U.N. ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF CROP/INCOME SUBSTITUTION.

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3. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE DETAILED BRIEFING ON HONG KONG CUSTOMS SERVICE, WHICH IS REPUTED TO BE ONE OF WORLD'S BEST. SINCE LAOS' ONLY DIRECT CONTACT WITH HONG KONG IS VIA TRI-WEEKLY ROYAL AIR LAO FLIGHTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IN PARTICULAR, RECEIVING RUNDOWN ON MEASURES TAKEN VIS-A-VIS ARRIVALS OF RAL AIRCRAFT. VISIT TO AIRFIELD AND CUSTOMS OPERATIONS THERE WOULD PERHAPS INTEREST ALL PARTICIPANTS.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT MEETING WITH NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER NORMAN ROLPH, PROPOSED REFTTEL, WOULD BE EXTREMELY WORTHWHILE.
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